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FEDERATION OF H.K. INDUSTRIES

It is unusual for Hongkong to receive praise for its products, even though some of them are of excellent quality compared with those of other countries. It must have been with some satisfaction that Colony industrialists were made a compliment by Britain's leading magazine which circulates among store buyers, manufacturers and wholesalers. In yesterday's China Mail we reported that the magazine Fashions and Fabrics stated that Hongkong products were not always shoddy and they sometimes rival British goods on quality and price.

But the magazine went further. "Let us accept that Hongkong merchandise is here to stay and that it is more than worth looking at," it says. "If we (Britain) can out-do our colonial friends on style and price let us give them a fair fight."

Such a statement, coming from an eminent and authoritative journal, is encouraging as it shows that not all British manufacturers are against colonial products because they are cheaper and at times better than the home product.

Warning
FASHIONS and Fabrics has issued a warning to its own manufacturers and buyers that they must look to their own laurels and not rely on direct Government interference in the way of legislative action to place curbs on Hongkong imports into the United Kingdom.

But while Hongkong might bask in the magazine's praise for a moment it should be remembered that there are other forces, mainly Lancashire, operating against the Colony's exports and a change of government could easily have a bad or even dangerous effect on local industry.

There is, however, another aspect that requires urgent and serious consideration. His Excellency the Governor, prior to opening the Fifteenth Exhibition of Hongkong Products on Wednesday, inferred that there were too many organisations concerned with producing and marketing Hongkong goods.

Irrespective
SIR Alexander was of the opinion that it was time the Colony founded a single organisation irrespective of industry, size, ownership, how they do business or language to foster Hongkong industry and exploit exports to the best advantage.

If such an organisation, a Federation of Hongkong Industries, could be agreed upon the advantages to Colony's industries would be enormous, not the least being the setting of standards. Such standards would be a guarantee of quality and these are sadly lacking at the present time. Too often have buyers found that they have been duped by fly-by-night exporters, or manufacturers bereft of scruples with the result that the Colony's name has been dragged through the mire. So let us have a Federation of Hongkong Industries and give Britain a fair fight, and there will be more praise and less condemnation.

In Your Saturday Mail

The Queen and her Court are criticised... the House of Lords is reformed... Now at this time comes a significant new study of a man who was one of the greatest influences on our times and on the Queen: the man who was her father. It starts in the weekend Mail tomorrow. Among the other features are:

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INDONESIA CONTINUES BOYCOTT

Will Not Stop Halfway To 'Recover' West Irian Says Minister

Djakarta, Dec. 5.

Information Minister, Sudibjo said tonight that Indonesia would not stop halfway to "recover the Dutch-occupied territory of West Irian under Indonesian sovereignty".

Sudibjo addressed the Indonesian nation in a radio speech following a series of steps taken in line with the Indonesian drive "for the liberation of West Irian".

PLIGHT OF DUTCH NATIONALS AND INVESTMENTS

Djakarta, Dec. 5.

Indonesia's 50,000 Dutch citizens tonight were pondering over their future after official announcements that jobless Dutchmen and those whose work could be done by Indonesians must quit the country.

State Department:

No Formal Talks With Indonesia

Washington, Dec. 5.

The State Department spokesman said today that the United States was not holding any formal discussions with Indonesia on the consequences of the island republic's action against Dutch interests and individuals.

But the spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said at a press briefing that informal talks may have been held in Washington. Mr. White had been asked to comment on a published report that the State Department had suggested to the Indonesian Government that action against Dutch nationals might hurt Indonesia as much as the Netherlands.

ANY TRUTH

A reporter asked the spokesman whether there was any truth in a report that the US had "cautioned" Indonesia about getting too rough with the Dutch.

Mr. White said that the US Ambassador in Djakarta, Mr. John M. Allison, had made no official approach to the Indonesian Government.

"He has no instructions from the Department to make representations to the Indonesian Government concerning the consequences of the present actions to themselves or to Dutch interests and individuals," Mr. White stated.—Reuters.

LENNOX-BOYD INJURED

London, Dec. 5. The British Colonial Secretary, Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, has fractured his shoulder, the Colonial Office announced today. The Colonial Secretary, whose accident was due to a fall, will remain at his post.—France-Press.

According to estimates, half of the 50,000 Dutchmen living in this tropical republic are Eurasians — persons of mixed European — Indonesian descent who hold Dutch passports.

Thus many Dutchmen who may have to leave are persons born in Indonesia who have never seen Holland.

FACED RUIN

It is not definitely clear late tonight how many Dutchmen would have to leave but observers said some key industries such as the management of rubber estates faced ruin if Dutch experts with a lifetime knowledge were suddenly thrown out of the country.

More and more Dutchmen are leaving Indonesia—the total will be 40,000 shortly with the departure of two more ships for Holland. Many of these are Eurasians and it is understood here Holland received 200,000 of them in the last seven years. Conflicting estimates of Dutch investment in Indonesia are continually being quoted, but observers said the likeliest figure seemed to be US\$1.3 billion.

Observers said there was no degree of certainty what will happen to the Dutch-owned estates which total 673 according to a survey by one of Indonesia's biggest labour unions.

INFLUENCE

Tea, rubber, tobacco and coffee estates owned by the Dutch cover a total area of 1,000,000 hectares. Observers said even if reprisals increased against Dutchmen, it would take generations to wipe out Dutch influence.

Many Indonesians think of Amsterdam the way people in the British Commonwealth think of London.

Dutch is almost the indispensable language for conducting big business in Indonesia. Leading Indonesian intellectuals write books in Dutch. President Soekarno himself, probably the greatest orator in the Indonesian language, speaks to his aides in Dutch.—Reuters.

LORDS PASS REFORM BILL

London, Dec. 5. The House of Lords tonight passed without a vote a Government bill for the creation of peerages for life.

The Labour Party spokesman, Lord Alexander, said his party would not oppose the bill, although he felt it did not go far enough and suppress completely the principle of hereditary peerages.

The bill for the reform of the House of Lords will be submitted to the House of Commons early next year and is expected to be approved.—France-Press.

The Indonesian Government today ordered all unemployed Dutch to leave the country, decreed the closing of all Netherlands consulates in Indonesia and said that Dutch-owned businesses taken over by Indonesian workers in the past few days will be placed under Government management.

Aspirations

Sudibjo told the Indonesian people tonight that Indonesia would "not go one step back". He said: "We will continue with our aspirations have been achieved."

Alcan-Inac, Director Achmad Kosasih of "Pleat", the biggest Indonesian national shipping company, said that "Pleat" must be able to take the place of the KPM shipping company, which was placed under Indonesian Government control today.

Kosasih said the nationalisation of KPM would have been a "must" even if the Netherlands had ceded West Irian to Indonesia. He said the takeover of KPM was necessary "if we firmly believe Indonesia is an independent archipelago."

No Service

In Surabaya, East Java, the second phase of a boycott against the Dutch, denying them service in shops, went into effect today.

The Luten in Bandung were banned from the "Bogeyen" restaurant, the traditional downtown meeting place, which now carries a sign reading "Dutch not allowed".

Throughout the archipelago, the Dutch were deprived of Dutch language newspapers.—France-Press.

Work Out 'Reasonable Solution'

Taipei, Dec. 5. An influential Chinese newspaper said today that there is "little or no point" for the Philippine Government to insist on the deportation on mass of the some 2,000 Chinese who have overstayed their visit to the Philippines.

The English language China News, however, urged the Taipei and the Manila Governments to get together and work out "a reasonable solution" for this outstanding problem.

MERITORIOUS

The independent newspaper printed as "a welcome" Senator Francisco Rodrigo's statement, announcing his intention to file a bill which would enable "meritorious cases" among the overstay Chinese to obtain permanent residence in the Philippines. "After all," it pointed out, "they (the overstay Chinese) have spent many years as law-abiding people in the Philippines."—United Press.

TRAIN TRAGEDY TOLL UP TO 92

London, Dec. 5. British Railways announced tonight that the casualty toll in yesterday's London suburban train crash now stood at 92 dead and 107 seriously injured. The total number of injured was earlier reported to be 193.

A spokesman for the British Railways authorities said it would probably only be possible to establish an exact list of the dead after studying a list of missing persons. It was difficult to establish such a list as hundreds of suburban dwellers could in any case not get home last night because so many train services had been halted owing to the accident.

Investigation To Open

London, Dec. 5. The British Transport Minister announced in the House of Commons today that an official investigation would be opened immediately into the causes of last night's railway catastrophe.—France-Press.

Difficulties of discharging casualties are such that 25 hours after the accident occurred, rescue workers cannot be sure they have removed all the injured and dead from the wreckage.

Nurses and doctors were still crawling through the mass of twisted steel and shattered stonework as dawn broke this morning. In the murky light, nurses worked feverishly tearing sheets rushed to the spot by local housewives to bandage the injured.

LIPSTICK

One nurse used her lipstick to mark an "M" on foreheads of those urgently in need of morphine as the fog still slowed down transport to take them to hospital.

Bodies were so hideously twisted into the wreckage that rescue workers, after using blow-lamps to reach them had sometimes to cut them up to disengage them. Cause of the accident has yet to be established. The line was equipped with modern fog-signalling apparatus.—France-Press.

Noncom No 1 Or Sputternik?

Washington, Dec. 5. Washington wits are calling the US test satellite "Noncom No 1". That's for non-Communist, and also for non-commissioned officer, to indicate its low priority in military planning. In Tokyo Japanese editors are calling the US Vanguard rocket the "Sputternik" today for its failure to get off the ground.—United Press.

Chain Reaction

Lille, Dec. 6. It took police two hours to untangle an incident of a couple of sightseers yesterday. A truck stopped on a foggy highway. Ten cars smashed into it, and each other behind it. Another car stopped to see the fun, and two cars piled into it. No one was hurt.—United Press.

WHERE WAS THE BIG EARTHQUAKE?

London, Dec. 5. Seismologists today are still baffled about the location of what they recorded early yesterday as one of the biggest earthquakes in years.

The tremor, equal in intensity to the 1906 San Francisco earthquake, is now thought to have taken place somewhere in Central Asia.

Chinese seismographs located the earthquake as having its epicentre in western Mongolia. The New China News Agency reported. Moderate shocks were felt in many places in Northwest China, the Agency added. Bombay's Colaba Observatory said the epicentre of the earthquake was in Mongolia while the Kalamaki, Schwan-

TORY RETURNED BUT MAJORITY SLASHED AGAIN

Liverpool, Dec. 5.

The Conservative Party retained a Parliamentary seat with a vastly reduced majority in a poll declared here late tonight.

EUROPEAN CONTINENT BLANKETED BY FOG

London, Dec. 5.

Sea, road and rail traffic was held up throughout the day by a dense fog which has now blanketed Southern England for two days. London Airport and smaller airfields were closed to incoming planes, but some airlines managed to take-off through gaps in the fog around the middle of the day and early afternoon.

Queues of ships halted in the River Thames and about 100 vessels waited vainly in London docks for the weather to clear. At Southampton, also, shipping was at a standstill.—Reuters.

AIR TRAFFIC

On the Continent, fog blanketed almost all France, apart from Atlantic coast areas, bringing air traffic at the main Paris airports to a halt. Thick fog covered large parts of the northern Italy. Scattered fog was also reported from Germany and Belgium, where shipping in the Scheldt was almost at a standstill.—Reuters.

CHINESE WANT EMBARGO GOODS

London, Dec. 5.

Dr Chi Chao-ting, head of a visiting 28-man Chinese trade mission, said here tonight that the "overwhelming majority" of the highly technical goods China wanted to buy from Britain were on the strategic embargo list.

Dr Chi said the tour had been successful and delegates "feel that they have found friends here".

China really needed British electronic instruments and other highly technical goods, "but the overwhelming majority of these are still on your trade embargo list," he said.

CUT RIGHT OUT

"We are not interested in your trade secrets or military secrets but in getting the things we want. The embargo on strategic materials is not a question for negotiation. It is no good relaxing such a measure. It would have to be cut right out."—Reuters.

Back To The Farm

Gettysburg, Dec. 5. President Eisenhower arrived here today for a long weekend rest at his farm after an 85-mile drive from Washington over roads still icy after a snowstorm yesterday. Mr. Eisenhower is expected to return to Washington either late on Sunday or on Monday.—Reuters.

AMERICAN SATELLITE MAY BE FIRED TODAY

Cape Canaveral, Dec. 5. The United States will attempt to launch its first artificial satellite tomorrow shortly after 1200 GMT after several postponements of the launching, which had been scheduled for yesterday.

The plans for a new launching attempt were announced here by Defence Department spokesman, G. Schooley. Meanwhile, assistant director J. Paul Walsh of the satellite launching programme said the "count down"—the step-by-step preparation for firing the Vanguard launching rocket—would be much faster this time than it was in yesterday's attempt.

PESSIMISM

Hollywood, Fla., Dec. 5. Mr. George B. Trimble, the man in overall charge of the manufacture of the Vanguard rocket and satellite project, said today the odds were that the little sphere would not be put into orbit. Mr. Trimble, Vice-President in charge of engineering at the Martin Company, leading contractor for the Vanguard project, said current postponement in the firing "may run into days or weeks."—Reuters.

The "biggest" difficulty encountered yesterday was supplying liquid oxygen to one of the rocket's stages. Because of a leak in a valve, Walsh said. Precautions have been taken to avoid similar leaks this time, he added.

Walsh warned against excessive optimism that the satellite would definitely be launched tomorrow morning. He said: "Again, let me stress that we must go from step to step to get in condition for firing" and added there was chance the launching would not take place tomorrow morning.—France-Press.

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UK Opposes Target Dates For Independence

New York, Dec. 5. Britain today opposed a proposal in the United Nations that countries administering dependent territories estimate target dates for the attainment of self-government or independence.

Sir Andrew Cohen of Britain told the General Assembly's trusteeship committee that to set such dates would be just as likely to slow down the progress of the territories as it would be to speed up progress.

The committee had before it a five-power draft resolution which recalls that the General Assembly adopted a resolution last February which asked administering powers to estimate the time required for their territories to reach self-government or independence and notes with "disappointment" that the administering powers have not yet done this.

RE-AFFIRMED

It re-affirms this resolution and calls on the administering powers to implement it.

"Nothing can be further from the truth," he said.

Mr. N. T. D. Kanakaratne of Ceylon said he did not feel that the words "estimating the time required for the attainment by trust territories of self-government or independence" could be interpreted as requiring the administering powers to set "target dates" as Sir Andrew appeared to believe.—Reuters.

Spanish Forces Retreat From Rebels' Assault

Rabat, Dec. 5.

Spanish forces yesterday withdrew from the post of Tiliouine, in Ifni, which has been encircled by Moroccan irregulars since November 23, informed sources said today.

The sources said the post garrison, of more than 100 men, withdrew after the arrival of reinforcements who cleared a path through the Moroccan lines, then withdrew with the garrison.

Tiliouine is at the southeast tip of the Spanish enclave of Ifni, which is claimed by Moroccan nationalists.

UNTENABLE

Although reinforced by some 80 Spanish paratroopers on November 29, the encircled post was in an untenable position, the sources said.

Certain Moroccan figures in Agadir and Goulmine reported earlier today that Tiliouine had been captured by the "Moroccan combatants" of the Ait-Ba-Amran tribe, of southern Morocco.

Meanwhile, informed sources said two Spanish soldiers were killed yesterday in an ambush between Tiliouine and Souk El Tiel De Syboul.

The Moroccan irregulars were continuing to harass the Spanish post of Tiliouine, in central Ifni. Reinforcements managed to break the encirclement of two other posts, at Tiel De Syboul and Amesti, in the southern part of the enclave.

The situation continued calm in Sidi Ifni, capital of the enclave. Spanish reinforcements continued to arrive in the capital.—France-Press.

MANY DIE IN RIO FLOODS

Rio de Janeiro, Dec. 5. Thirty-nine people were today reported killed in the northern part of Rio de Janeiro state by cloudburst set rivers in flood, washed bridges away and sent landslides crashing onto roads and railways. Damage is estimated to run into millions of cruzeros, one sugar refinery alone reported \$5,000 bags of sugar had been washed away by a flood.—Reuters.

PROTEST LODGED WITH BRITISH AMBASSADOR IN TOKYO

Tokyo, Dec. 5.

Japan, smarting from design piracy charges hurled at her by Britain and the U.S., is accusing two Hongkong plastic makers of pirating a Japanese design.

In the Japanese piracy charge, an Osaka plastics manufacturer, Yoshio Shibata of the Shibata Plastic Company, has filed a protest with the British Embassy in Tokyo.

He claimed that an all-plastic slipper designed and manufactured by his company is being imitated by two Hongkong plastic makers, causing "great damage" to his company.

He charged that his patented all-plastic slipper design was "pirated" by two Hongkong firms.

Due to the manufacture and sale of similar slippers by the Hongkong makers, Shibata claimed, his company's exports, which amounted to 4,600 dozen slippers a year in the past, had been reduced to only about 200 dozen.

Moreover, Shibata continued, his South-East Asian and other markets were being ruined by these Hongkong products.

Shibata appealed to the Osaka Chamber of Commerce and Industry, and the Osaka Chamber is reported to have lodged protests with the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Hongkong and the Hongkong and Kowloon Chambers of Commerce.

Shibata said: "I do not intend to retaliate the protests accusing Japan of piracy but I just want to point out that my firm is the original maker of plastic slippers."

This Hurts

Japan has been accused of design piracy by American and British firms. One of the charges—the alleged piracy by Japan of a British firm's ball-bearing packaging design—zoomed into prominence when Japanese Foreign Minister Aichihiro Fujiyama walked out of a London T.V. show when his interviewer brought up the case.

"More than the business involved," Shibata said, "I learn that these Hongkong makers have even received recommendations for their pirated products at an exhibit held in Hongkong last year."

The First Secretary of the British Embassy (Hongkong Section), W. J. Anderson, confirmed that the Embassy has received Shibata's protest. The complaint was sent to proper and competent authorities in Hongkong for investigation, Anderson said, but he has received no reply so far.

"We cannot say anything right now because we have to receive statements from both sides," he added.—United Press.

PEKING BEGINS FIGHT AGAINST "FOUR EVILS"

Peking, Dec. 5. A winter campaign against "The Four Evils"—lice, mosquitoes, rats and sparrows—began in Peking today. Similar campaigns have been held throughout the country since the Communists came to power, but less attention has been paid to elimination of these pests over the past couple of years.

Citizens of the Chinese capital are now urged to scour thoroughly their kitchens, dining halls, stables, cellars and other such places where larvae of flies and mosquitoes may be found during the cold winter months, and make greater efforts to keep streets and houses clean over the next three months in particular.—Reuters.

JET-RIDE FOR A PRINCE

San Francisco, Dec. 5. Prince Abdullah of Morocco will get his wish to ride in a jet plane.

The State Department said today that the Air Force was resuming clearance for the 28-year-old Prince to be taken up in a F-100 Sabre jet when the King's party reaches New York a week from today. Through an intermediary, the King's son said he was "delighted" at the offer.—United Press.

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No Danger From H-Bomber Patrols

London, Dec. 5. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan today reiterated that there was no danger of H-bomb explosions if a plane carrying such bombs on normal patrol crashed.

He told the House of Commons, in reply to questions from Labourites Arthur Henderson and Frank Ailman, that he had already explained there would be danger of only a very limited kind if the plane crashed.

The risk involved would not justify reducing the state of readiness of bombers based here, he said.

Aircraft accidents most often occur during take-off or landing, Macmillan said, and special precautions were taken at such times.

NO REASON

He also said there was no reason to suppose that planes, whether American or British, carrying H-bombs were aloft at all times. There were occasional training patrol flights, he went on, and most of them were probably taken out to sea.

Replying to Liberal Party leader Jo Grimond, who asked to what extent the agreement that H-bombs would only be used by American planes flying from Britain with British consent, applied to planes on patrol over England, Macmillan said the agreement applied to bases in Britain and planes stationed at them.

U.S. aircraft based elsewhere do not normally fly over Britain or her territorial waters, he added.—United Press.

A SECOND TRY

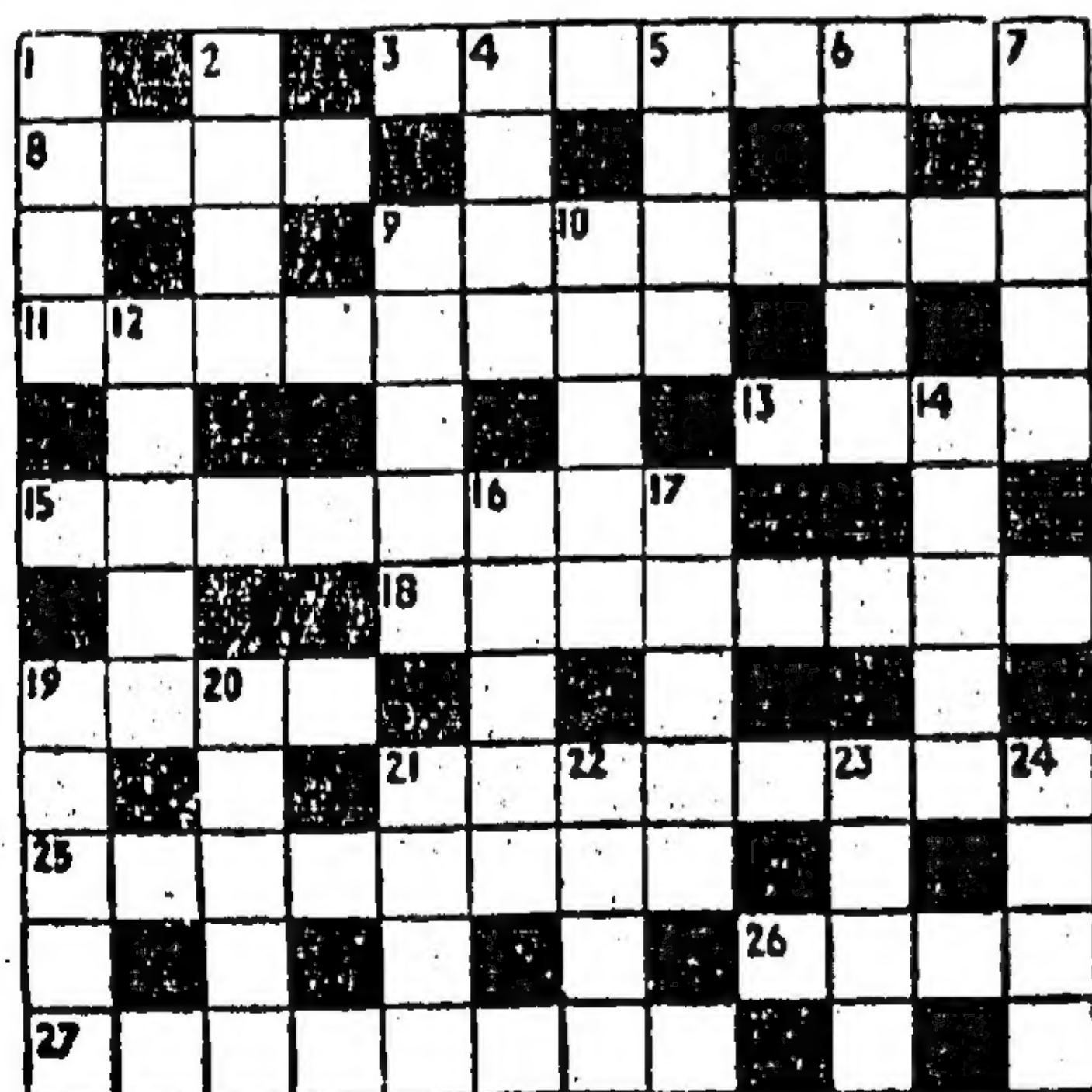
New York, Dec. 5. Brooklyn police released three men in jail on grand larceny charges but held the truck in which they were arrested with US\$500 worth of allegedly stolen sewer pipe.

They're looking for the men again today—and the truck. It disappeared from its parking place in front of the station house a few hours after the men waved goodbye.—United Press.

Duke Of Windsor

London, Dec. 5. The Duke of Windsor, who returns to Paris tonight after a short visit to London, had tea with Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh at Buckingham Palace this afternoon.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Bedding out (8).
- 8 Dramatist's way out (4).
- 9 Put up with (6).
- 11 High Church men? (8).
- 13 Vicarage fun and games, perhaps (4).
- 15 Matelotage was, for instance (3).
- 16 He has a choice job (6).
- 19 London park (4).
- 21 Monetary (6).
- 22 Makes things up (8).
- 23 One's natural inclination (4).
- 27 Catch on the hop! (8).

DOWN

- 1 Stronghold to retain (4).
- 2 Marked by soldiers (4).
- 3 Plunder (4).
- 5 They're not in favour (4).
- 6 Any, I estimate (5).
- 7 Foolish cacklers (5).
- 8 Weeds (5).
- 10 Flat both ways (5).
- 12 Many a water's edge is this (5).
- 14 Rose's defence? (8).
- 16 Seven in a dance (5).
- 17 Valley (5).
- 19 Kicks from homes (5).
- 20 Hostile (5).
- 21 Mason's feathers (4).
- 22 Whippers (4).
- 23 Brain child (4).
- 24 European vandal (4).

THURSDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Eton, 4 Maljnyan, 8 Road, 9 Abed, 10 Solaces, 11 Open, 12 Menu, 14 Signora, 17 Curry, 19 Chest, 20 Evening, 22 Once, 27 Full, 28 Dolores, 29 Iron, 30 Stun, 31 Variety, 32 Glen, Down: 2 Tables, 3 Ardour, 4 Moses, 5 Adams, 6 Azain, 7 Answer, 13 Mule, 15 Nuts, 16 Crown, 18 Ants, 19 Indust, 20 Helling, 21 Scrape, 23 Vile, 24 Niece, 25 Quasi.

Britain, Germany Issue A Joint Statement

London, Dec. 5. Britain and West Germany stated in a joint communique published today that the forthcoming Nato conference should adopt positive measures to strengthen the unity and interdependence of the Western world.

The communique, published at the end of two-day talks between British leaders and visiting West German Foreign Minister, Heinrich Von Brentano, also stressed the importance of creating a free trade area in Europe.

It indicated that Brentano and the British leaders had discussed the problems of German reunification, disarmament, the free trade area and means of applying the principle of interdependence among members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The question of the cost of maintaining British troops in West Germany was also discussed.

The talks had been "frank," he communique said. "The Ministers had a frank discussion on Western policy. They reaffirmed their intention to work for the achievement of German reunification in freedom in accordance with the principles stated in the declaration of Berlin of July 29, 1957. They regretted that the Soviet Government had so far refused to fulfil the obligation which they had recognised at the Geneva conference of heads of governments in 1955 to reunify Germany by means of free elections."

Agreement

"The Ministers noted that the Western proposals on disarmament, which were endorsed by all countries of the North Atlantic alliance, had received the support of a large majority of the members of the United Nations."

"They confirmed their belief that the Western proposals provide a sound basis for a partial disarmament agreement and their determination to continue to work for such an agreement, which would contribute to the solution of underlying political problems."

"The Ministers agreed on the importance of the early establishment of a European free trade area as a means of strengthening economic co-operation between Western countries and as a complement to the European economic community."—France-Press.

Big Blast Kills 13 Christmas Shoppers

Villa Rica, Georgia, Dec. 5. A thunderous explosion ripped apart five buildings crowded with Christmas shoppers today, killing at least 13, injuring a like number and devastating the business area of this small West Georgia town.

The latest body recovered was that of 12-year-old Bobby Roberts, found slumped in a dentist's chair buried in the rubble.

Douglas County Sheriff Monk Redding said rescue teams at the scene, garishly hung now with Christmas decorations, had reported the removal of 13 bodies from the wreckage.

The explosion apparently originated from leaking gas in a main street drug store. The commotion, heard for miles, shattered store windows all along the street.—United Press.

DANGER OF ANOTHER CRISIS IN FRANCE LESSENER

Paris, Dec. 5. The danger of an immediate French political crisis receded tonight when the Government of Premier Felix Gaillard agreed in principle to maintain certain food subsidies at the insistence of the Socialist Party.

The agreement was reached during the first 48 hours of a conference between Gaillard and leaders of his broad majority, which ranges from the Socialists on the left to the Conservative "Independents" on the right.

DECISION

There was still a chance, however, that the government majority might break up before the present conference settles all the economic and financial problems before it.

The risk of a crisis is the result of opposition between Socialists and Independents on economic and financial policy questions.

The decision reached in principle tonight calls for the abandonment of government plans to cut price subsidies on chocolate, jams, sugar and spaghetti, noodles and other similar food products.

The Socialists have argued that curtailment of the subsidies would result in higher food prices.

The government is resolved to maintain the ceilings it has set on the budget and budgetary deficit for next year.

This means that the maintenance of the subsidies and a boost in civil servants' salaries, to be discussed tomorrow, would require a small increase in taxation unless new budget economies can be made.

The Independents, who have a bloc of some 100 members in the National Assembly, have warned that they will not agree to any new tax increases.—France-Press.

PI's SILENT RECEPTION FOR KISHI

Manila, Dec. 6. Premier Nobusuke Kishi of Japan arrived here at 9 a.m. today for a "frank exchange of views" with Philippine officials on problems confronting Japan and the Philippines.

Mr Kishi was met by a large crowd at the Manila Domestic Airport.

There was no applause from the crowd of about 400 curious spectators.

Mr Kishi met leading Philippine officials and members of the diplomatic corps in Manila as the Japanese national anthem was played.

A 21-gun salute was fired in his honour as he reviewed the guard of honour. There were no demonstrations.—United Press.

A Giant Waterspout Off Japan

Tokyo, Dec. 6. Japanese police in Fukuro City, southern Japan, tonight issued preliminary evacuation orders to a large number of families living along the city's sea front as a giant waterspout moved toward the coast.

A spokesman said the waterspout, about 1,000 feet high and 165 feet in diameter, was first observed this morning about ten miles from the city.

He said if the waterspout maintained its present course and speed it would hit the city later tonight or tomorrow.

The preliminary evacuation order was issued to prevent any repetition of the tragedy that occurred on November 10, when a similar waterspout landed on the city and killed six persons.—Reuter.

UN Debate On Algeria Moves To A Showdown

—Prospects For Adoption Of Proposals Are Dim

United Nations, Dec. 5. The Algerian debate moved toward a showdown vote tonight with prospects dim for the adoption of either an Asian-African call for French-Algerian negotiations or a Latin American-Spanish-Italian proposal to express again hopes that a solution will be found.

The Asian-African resolution appeared to have the backing of a bare majority in committee if there is a moderate number of abstentions. But there was no hope it could obtain the two-thirds majority needed for Assembly adoption.

The new "Latin" proposal had only minority backing.

Debate in the Assembly's main Political Committee resumed with the Argentine delegate, Mariano Dringo, introducing the seven-power Latin resolution as an interpretation of expressed desires for a friendly solution in Algeria.

The Spanish representative, Jose Felix de Lequerica, said the resolution was submitted with a desire for a unanimous vote as a reiteration of last year's unanimous resolution.

plus the emphasizing of "certain satisfactory steps" which have occurred since.

No Solution

Last year's vote did not solve the problem, "but it has certainly been a progressive year. Two considerable steps have been taken and we should put them into our draft."

He said some quarters had criticised those steps—the good offices offer and the loi-cadre—and "try to hamper this

mediation." He said extremists might favour a "radical stand" but the U.N. should recognise what has been done in the past year "without treading on anyone's toes or ideas."

He urged the Committee to "translate into positive acts this desire for concord and harmony. The worst could be that if we voted too extremely there would be no solution at all."

The Moroccan delegate, Ahmed Laraki, expressed gratitude for the references to the Tunisian-Moroccan offer, but said there was a "flagrant contradiction" in the resolution because it linked it with the loi-cadre.

He said he would vote against the new resolution.

Soviet View

The Soviet delegate, Arkady Sobolev, said that the Latin proposal failed to recognise the right of self-determination for Algeria, and he charged that the seven sponsors "defend the old and obsolete cause of colonialism."

He said they also failed to refer to negotiations and said there could be no solution otherwise. The omission could only mean favouring a settlement of the Algerian question "by force," he said.

He said there was no doubt that there were two parties involved "at a time when war is waged and guns and cannon are firing."

He said that "the people of Algeria who stood up against France" should be the second party to negotiations. The Latin proposal, he said, "would be a betrayal of the Algerian people. It would be tantamount to handing them over to French armed forces with the connivance of the General Assembly, a course of action on which the Assembly cannot and must not embark."—United Press.

ALGERIA'S DESTINY IS WITH FRANCE

—Says An Ex-Rebel

Algiers, Dec. 5. Si Mohamed Bellounis, former Algerian rebel leader, now fighting on the side of the French forces, said today the Moslem population of Algeria was not anti-French but wanted "a change of regime while keeping the inseparable friendship of France."

Bellounis told Agence France-Press that "the destiny of Algeria is indissolubly linked to that of France."

In going over to the French side, Bellounis brought with him some 3,000 men, 1,300 of whom were former National Liberation Front members who joined him.

The French authorities now furnish him with the equipment, arms, ammunition, and means of transport and communication he needs to fight against the F.L.N.

COMMUNISM?

Since October, Bellounis and his group has killed more than 200 rebels in their area of operations and helped to clean up the mountainous Ouled Nail area.

Bellounis, a long-time Algerian nationalist, said he joined the rebels in 1954 but soon split up with the F.L.N. "I have every reason to believe that the F.L.N. is under Communist influence," he said.

Speaking of his agreement with the French authorities, Bellounis said: "For me, the first goal to reach is the total pacification of Algeria. There will be free elections, after which the representatives of the population will try to solve the problem."

He added: "The Algerian people are tired. Of that I am certain. If we continue on the basis of our agreements, in

three or four months everything will be finished."

Speaking of the Tunisian and Moroccan offer of mediation, Bellounis declared: "Tunisia and Morocco are mistaken. They are misinformed about the internal situation in Algeria. They support the F.L.N. thinking it is a valid negotiator, which is completely false. As for the principle of Tunisian and Moroccan intervention, I am resolutely hostile to it."

"The Algerians are the ones most qualified to solve the Algerian problem. Tunisia and Morocco should not interfere in our affairs."—France-Press.

"Fire Under Her Skin"

FRENCH FILM NOT ART—BUT NOT OBSCENE

Hollywood, Dec. 5. Police were under court orders today not to interfere with the showing of "Fire Under Her Skin," a French-made film called obscene by local officials.

Distributors of the film, Mayfair Pictures Co., won a temporary restraining order yesterday. Superior Judge Boris Kaufman set a hearing for December 12 on the injunction.

Vice Squad officers arrested theatre executive Sydney Linden and Roger Guilleaume on November 29 at the Yvonne Theatre and charged them with showing obscene and indecent movies.

Robert E. Keiser, president of Mayfair, said in an affidavit filed with the injunction petition that "Fire Under Her Skin" was not a "great work of art."

"But it is not obscene," he said. "It deals with sex, but no more so than any number of other foreign motion pictures that have been shown every day in every State in the Union."

The obscenity charge apparently was made because of a scene in which a male actress runs into the court-ordered frame.

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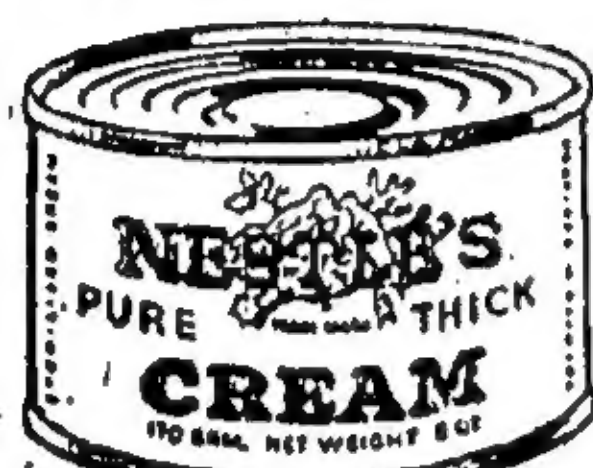
INGREDIENTS.—2 oz. ground rice, 1 pint milk, a little vanilla essence, 1 oz. sugar, 2 oz. preserved ginger, a few glace cherries, 2 x 6 oz. Nestlé's Pure Thick Cream.

METHOD.—Put the milk into a pan with the sugar and ground rice, and stir until boiling, and cook it well for a few minutes. Add the ginger and cherries, and pour when cool into a glass dish. Whisk the cream with a little sugar and 2 teaspoonfuls ginger syrup. Decorate the dish with the cream, whipped, put through a fancy forcer, and a few cherries and ginger on the top.

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Money and Mr. Getty

CHAPTER 3

PAUL GETTY is many persons. He once said: "I live my life in pigeon-holes." There is the business man who cannot stop working to expand and enrich his oil domain. There is the art collector with a carefully acquired collection that he has scarcely a spare moment to enjoy.

And there is the man that is left when these preoccupations are removed. The most interesting of the Gettys and the most carefully concealed. Those who know him well—and there are few of them—talk of his frugality, his caution, his thoroughness.

His frugality is inherited from his parents—his father was taking care of his own family when he was 12. It is his way of living with his millions as though they scarcely existed.

In any case he seems never to have been a spender, never wanted to make a splash, never wanted to cut a figure in society. Clothes, food, lush living do not interest him.

When the book on his art collection was to be published he found out, with his usual thoroughness, all he could about publishing. The book gave him a feeling of more than vanity—it gave him the feeling he had done something for posterity, says his publisher, Mark Goulden. "I want it on rag paper so it will last a long time," he said.

Scared

There are quakes in his character. He is scared to travel by air and hates to be driven by anyone else. He prefers to make even the arduous journey to his Middle East oilfields by car.

He worries about his health. One of his unexpected friends is 70-year-old William Pullum, the "grand old man of weight-lifting." Getty was keen on weight-lifting as a young man.

"He often comes to see me when he's in town," said Mr. Pullum. "We chat about the old times and keep a check on the boy's physique. I've prescribed strengthening exercises for him. He's in tip-top condition and hasn't changed from the lad I first met back in 1927."

At the back of all this, somewhere, is the real person who lives inside the Paul Getty who is sick of being known as the world's richest American. The people who know this person best, of course, are his wives.

The story of Paul Getty's wives begins in 1923. Getty was 30. Nine years later he had already been married four times.

The first Mrs Getty, Jeannette Demont, was 18 when he married her. She bore his elder son, named George Franklin after Getty's father and the founder of the family fortunes, and now a vice-president in the Getty oil business.

The marriage was dissolved three years later. And all Mrs Getty No. 1, now married to a Los Angeles investment broker, says of it is: "I want none of the past bringing up."

The second and third marriages followed swiftly—to

—and his 5 wives

Allene Ashby in 1926 and to Adolphine Heims in 1928.

The third Mrs Getty—he called her Fini—was the daughter of a couple who ran a cafe in Heidelberg, Germany. The story is told that Getty met her when he was holidaying in Germany, posing as a Government clerk.

They were married in 1928, and Getty's second son, Jean Ronald, was her child.

He, too, is a vice-president in the family oil business.

The fourth Mrs Getty, whom he married in 1932, was a film actress. She was Ann Rork, daughter of the film producer who managed Clara Bow.

They had two sons, Eugene and Gordon. When she sued Getty for divorce she received a settlement of 6,000 dollars a month for life. A million dollar trust fund was set up for their two sons.

She married again twice, and is now a widow. At her San Francisco home she gave this description of Life with Getty:—

"I was 14 and was playing truant from school when I was first introduced to him. My admiration for him was tremendous then and it still is today. He was success embodied."

"Yet he seemed always to be working for others. It was not a desire for power that drove him—it was the sense of obligation and duty parents have for children."

"Divorce? One should sympathize with him. To a man who sacrifices all for such an achievement in the business world as his—there is not much room for family life."

"I wanted him to dote on me. But Paul Getty had his feet firmly on the ground. It was not his fault. I wanted glamour—the romantic treatment."

"Here was Paul Getty, laying the foundations for Tidewater"—one of his biggest companies—"and I, being romantic."

"He hated divorce. He didn't bring it, I did. I thought we would both be happier."

Her younger son is entering the Getty business this week. He will start by manning a roadside petrol pump. "It happens to all trainees," says his mother. "And Gordon will do it too."

The fifth Mrs Getty, Louise Dudley Lynch, was

a socialite—New York debutante, niece of Bernard Baruch.

It was the decade when society girls had a craze for singing at the Waldorf Astoria and the Stork Club. "Teddy" Lynch outpaced her sister-debs. She really could sing.

She sang on the sound tracks of films for stars who couldn't—on records, radio, and TV. And she married Paul Getty on November 14, 1950, at the American Embassy in Rome.

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Their son Timothy, who is now 11, is adored by both of them.

She said: "I was under 21 when I married him, and we were very much in love. He was brilliant, simple, and sweet. He seemed to be Mr. Success. He just always accomplished what he planned to do."

"He would suddenly say, 'I will learn another language'—and there he was with gramophone records and books teaching himself till he became fluent."

"He spoke five languages, including Arabic. He was a walking Beethoven, and he wanted his five sons to be great travellers."

"It was this simple problem which led to our separation."

"I wanted my son near me. I did not want the child internationalised. So we are legally separated. We are seeking a divorce, but it is not finalised."

Eluded

"HE seemed to be Mr. Success...." "He was success embodied." Tributes from two out of five unsuccessful marriages. What does Getty feel about it? "I hate being a failure. I hate not being able to make a success of marriage."

For all his thoroughness and attention to detail it is one secret that has eluded him.

That is not to suggest that his personal life has been unhappy or bitter.

The fifth Mrs Getty said: "I have met all his wives and they are all charming and all got on well together. So do his sons. They are all brilliant, like he is."

"Little Timmy has been ill. He talks by telephone to his father two or three times a week. I will be delighted at any time for him to have a holiday with his father."

Tragedy

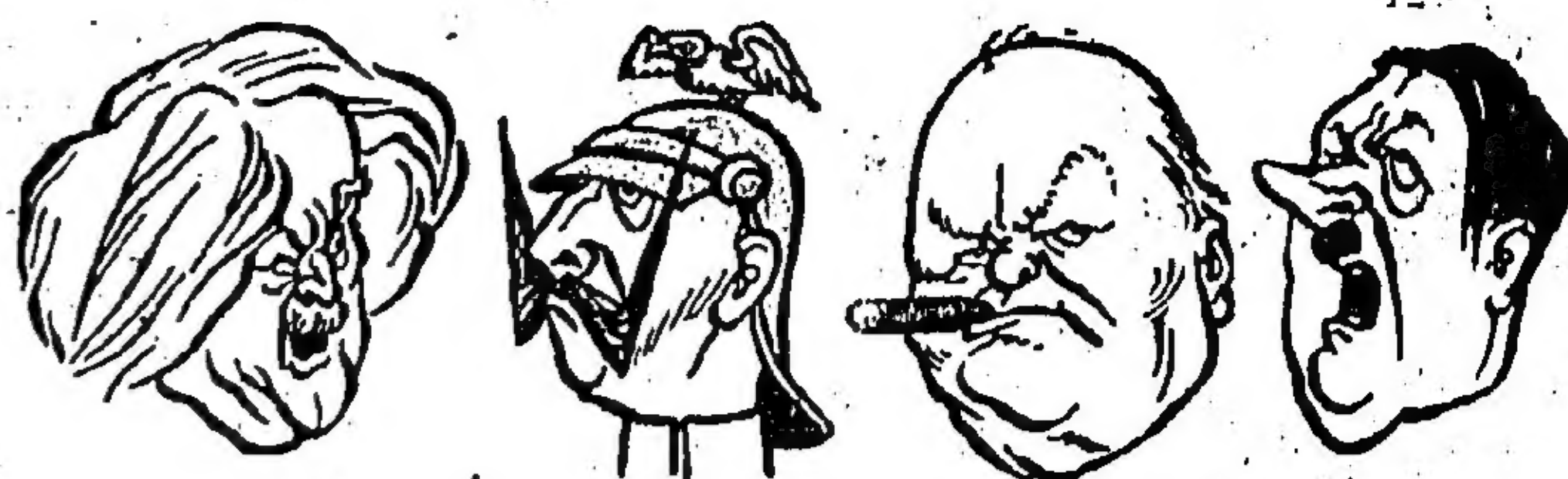
THAT last sentence makes a tragedy, that makes the Getty millions seem suddenly rather unimportant... that puts their owner very much back among his fellow human beings with their common hopes and fears.

All his efforts and all his money could not prevent Timmy, the son he had idolized, from going blind.

by Peter Lewis

Are their faces really necessary?

asks CUMMINGS



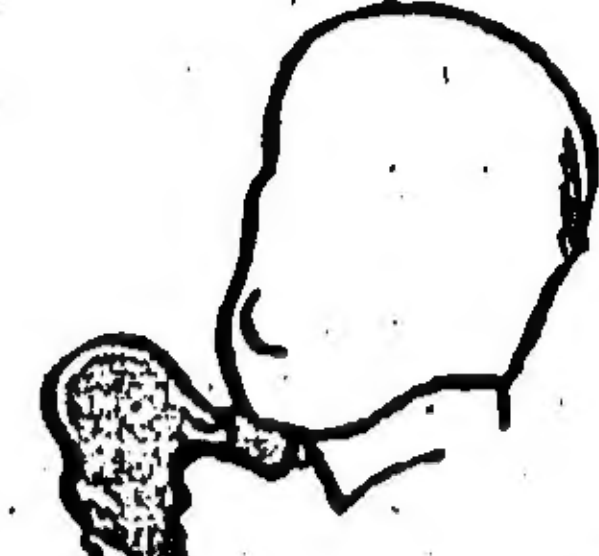
In my father's day political landscape was an endless vista of hill and dale, mountain and valley, raging torrent and exotic foliage....

Even when I was a youth the landscape was not without light, shade, and ever-changing incident.

BUT In this neutral age you can just as well spot a politician by his clothes as by his face



Harold Wilson, it is rumoured, has nose, mouth, and eyes—but it's his pipe which proclaims his identity.



Contours can be discovered (with telescopic aid) on Mr. Thorneycroft—but it's his pouter-lip which proclaims the man....



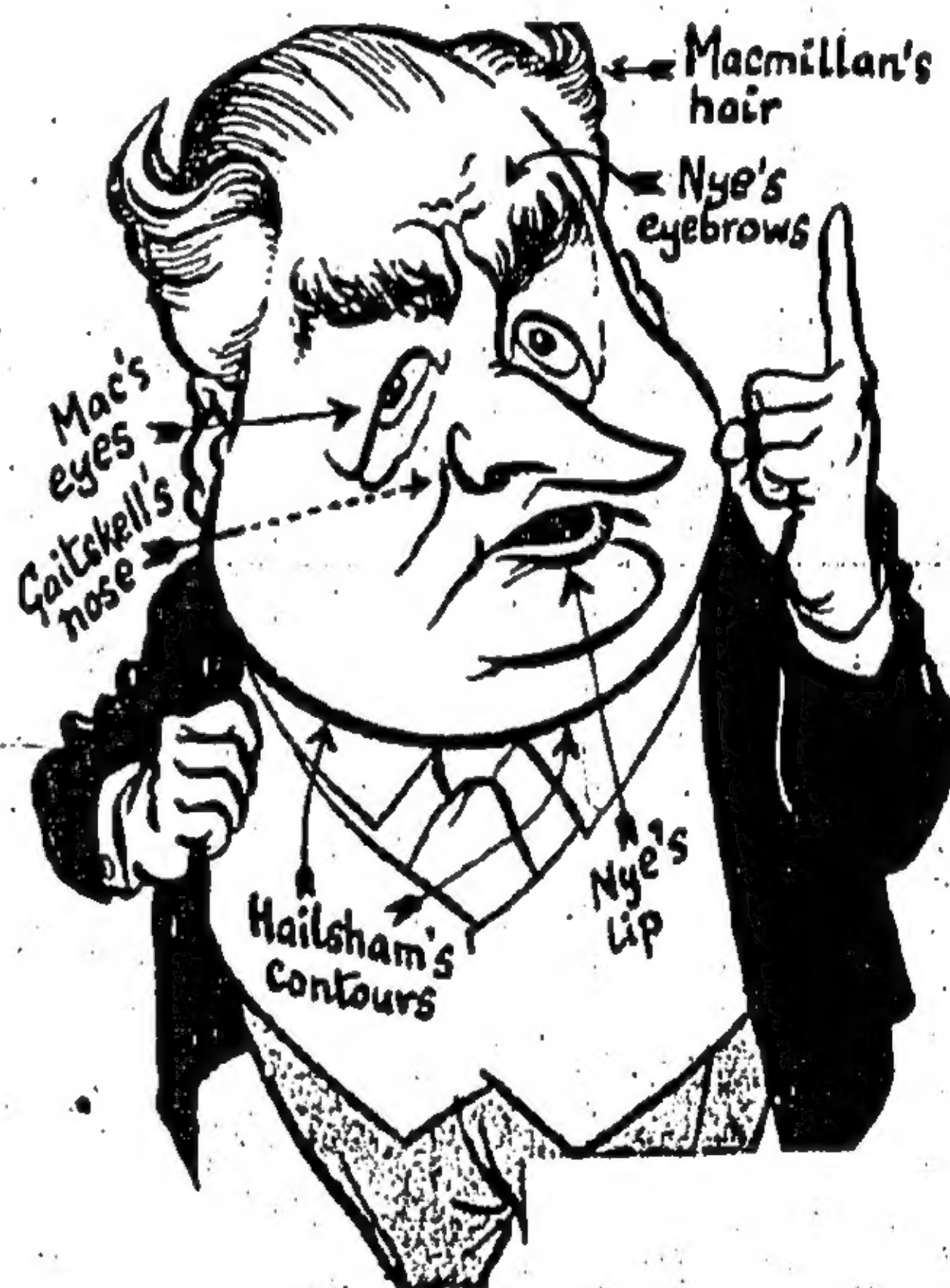
Now that Macmillan has clipped his moustache one is even more dependent on his card-games and trousers.



Selwyn Lloyd, once the "unknown Foreign Secretary," can at least be known by his squat double-breasted jacket and his high riding trouser turn-ups....



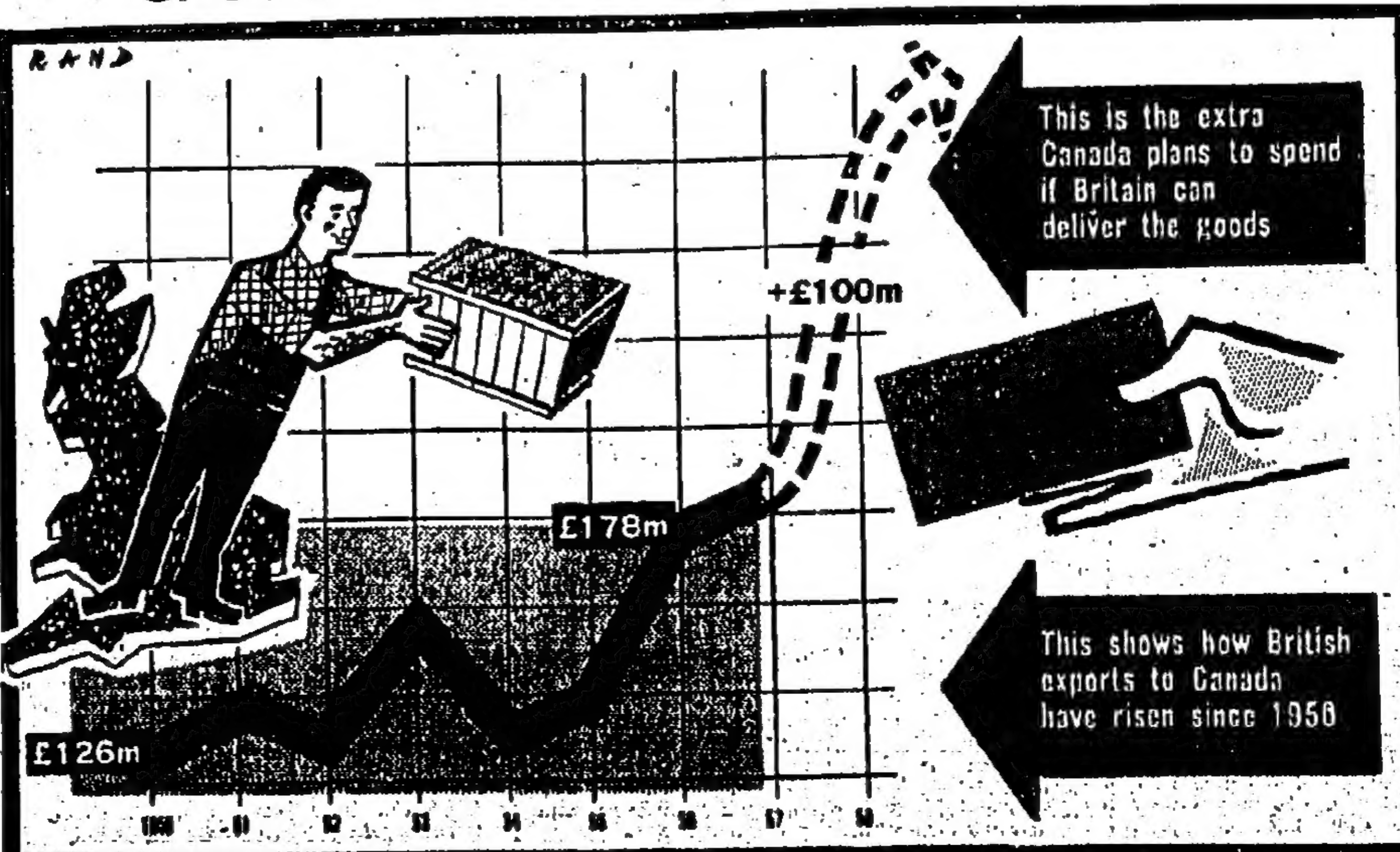
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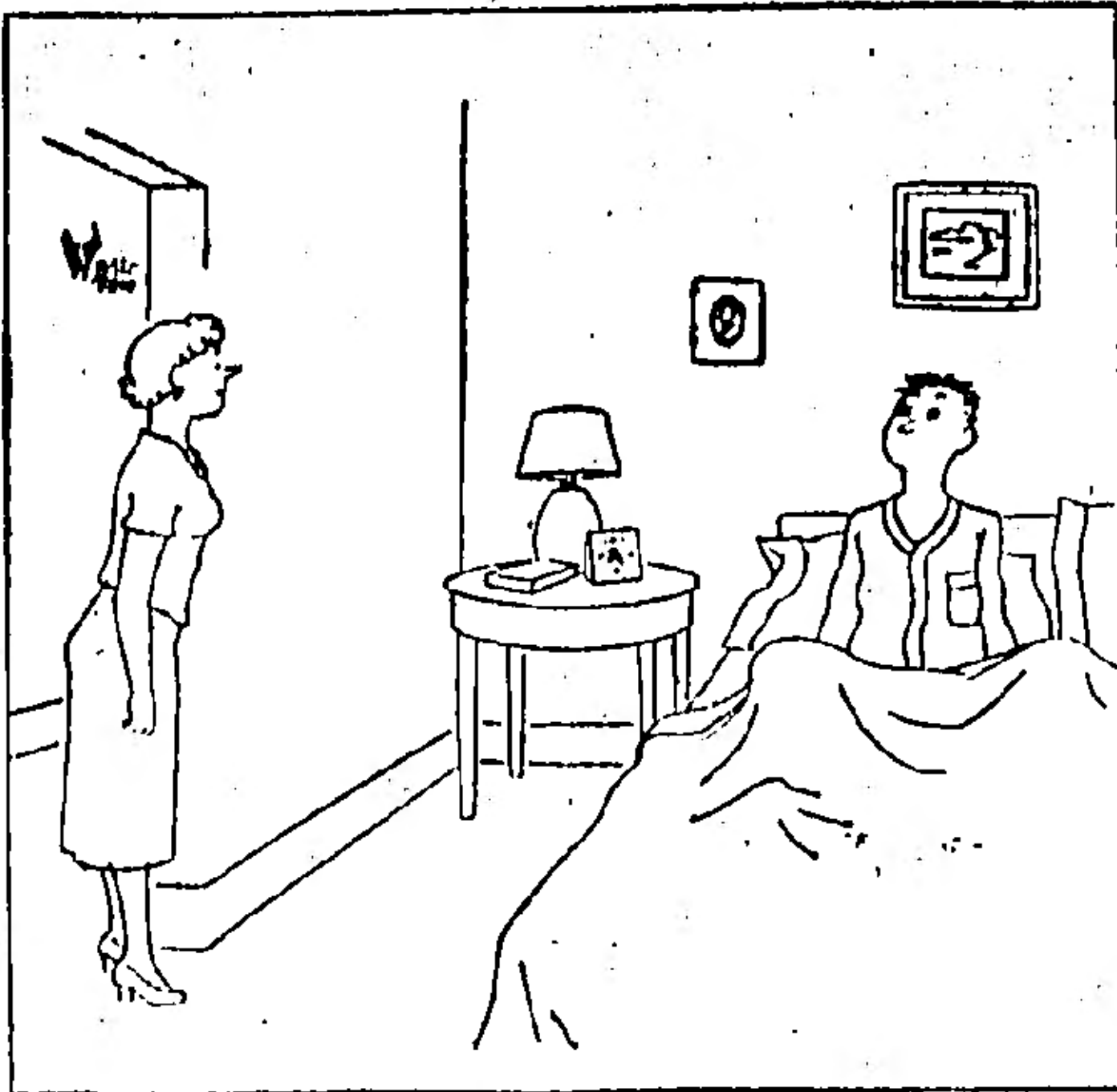
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• BY THE WAY •

by Beachcomber

WAS the "round white thing" seen in mid-air over Mexico a whitewashed football or an albino hedgehog?

A leading scientist has said, with admirable impartiality, "there is no cogent reason to suppose that it was either. Moreover, the claim that the baby rhinoceros born at Whipsnade is Indian, not English, is sound sense. If a cow calves in an enormous dustbin, it isn't refuse, and the council cannot claim it." "I see what he means," commented a spokesman, "but he has got things mixed up a bit. It would have been more accurate to say that if a sow has a litter in an ironmonger's shop, the little pigs are not sausages." "They are, not even moving machines," added a passer-by, raising his hat and smiling through his teeth.

Interlude

Prodnoise: What you have written above seems to me to be completely confused.

Myself: That's because you are not taking the long view and facing the facts.

Prodnoise: The long view of what? And what facts?

Myself: I have no space to argue with you. But aside your prejudices and read it all over again.

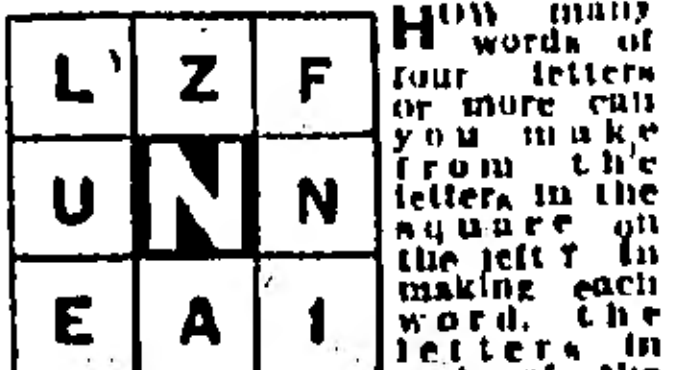
Prodnoise: But why did the passer-by smile through his teeth?

Myself: He was an unhappy man, and was trying to put a brave face on it.

Short story

"ALWAYS look for the most beautiful woman in the foyer," was Sir Claude Carpet-Bagge's parting instruction to Eric Tiff. "She will be the spy." Arriving at his hotel from the airport, Eric at once spotted the spy, engaged her in conversation and, refusing her cigarette courteously—"I have a sore throat"—offered her one of his own. She accepted. Ten minutes later she was asleep in her chair. A hideous woman approached, asked Eric for a light, and offered him a cigarette. Ten minutes later he

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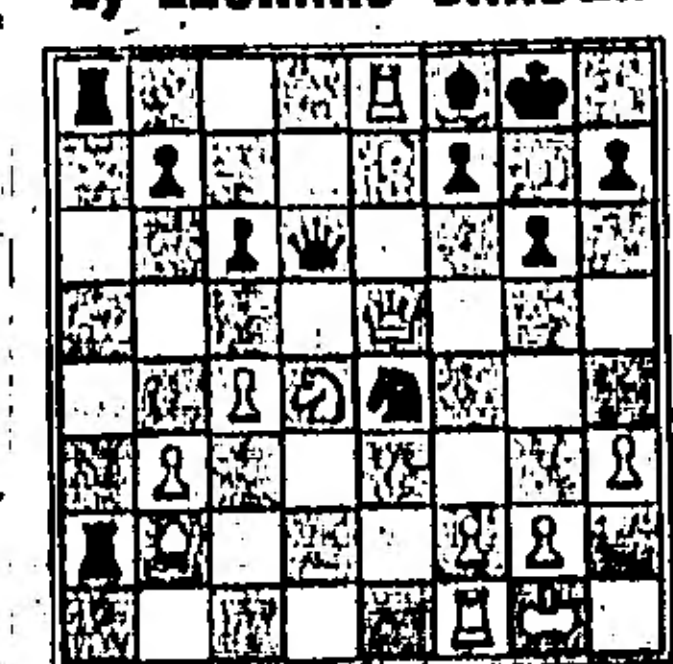


HOW many words can you find in the letters of the target? The small squares may be used once only. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre square, and there must be at least one more letter in the line. No initials, no foreign words, and no proper nouns. TODAY'S TARGET: 20 words, good; 25 words, very good; 30 words, excellent. Solve it by 11.15 tomorrow.

Yesterday's solution: After only one minute, only six words were found. Only one word was found by 11.15. Only one word was found by 11.15.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



From actual play: White to move and win.

London Express Service

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Defensive Coup Cuts Off Dummy

By OSWALD JACOBY

THE cream of the crop of young bridge players is Ira Rubin of Rutherford, N.J. At the age of 27 he belongs in the ranks of the top 10 in spite of the fact that he is unable to devote much time to bridge. He is a mathematician working on computing machines.

In today's hand Ira in the East seat was successful in a most unusual defensive coup.

South won the queen of clubs opening, led the four of spades and finessed dummy's 10. West played the deuce so Ira noted that West would hold exactly three spades. West would have echoed with either two or four.

It was no problem for Ira to drop the five of spades on the 10 and declarer returned to his own hand with a heart.

A second spade was led and the jack finessed. This time Ira played the nine spot. If

South had wanted to play safe and take his contract he would not have finessed the spade again and would have dropped Ira's king to make four odd.

However, it just never occurred to South that anyone could be crazy enough (crazy like a fox anyhow) to risk losing his king of spades by ducking twice.

South finessed the spade for the third time and when Ira slapped on the king South's groan could be heard in the next county.

Now there was no play left for the contract. South's lone trick was with two spade tricks and his three aces-kings for down one.

Q—The bidding has been: South West North East 1♥ Pass 2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass 3NT Pass 4♥ Pass 5♥ Pass 6♥ Pass 7♥ Pass 8♥ Pass 9♥ Pass 10♥ Pass 11♥ Pass 12♥ Pass 13♥ Pass 14♥ Pass 15♥ Pass 16♥ Pass 17♥ Pass 18♥ Pass 19♥ Pass 20♥ Pass 21♥ Pass 22♥ Pass 23♥ Pass 24♥ Pass 25♥ Pass 26♥ Pass 27♥ Pass 28♥ Pass 29♥ Pass 30♥ Pass 31♥ Pass 32♥ Pass 33♥ Pass 34♥ Pass 35♥ Pass 36♥ Pass 37♥ Pass 38♥ Pass 39♥ Pass 40♥ Pass 41♥ Pass 42♥ Pass 43♥ Pass 44♥ Pass 45♥ Pass 46♥ Pass 47♥ Pass 48♥ Pass 49♥ Pass 50♥ Pass 51♥ Pass 52♥ Pass 53♥ Pass 54♥ Pass 55♥ Pass 56♥ Pass 57♥ Pass 58♥ Pass 59♥ Pass 60♥ Pass 61♥ Pass 62♥ Pass 63♥ Pass 64♥ Pass 65♥ Pass 66♥ Pass 67♥ Pass 68♥ Pass 69♥ Pass 70♥ Pass 71♥ Pass 72♥ Pass 73♥ Pass 74♥ Pass 75♥ Pass 76♥ Pass 77♥ Pass 78♥ Pass 79♥ Pass 80♥ Pass 81♥ Pass 82♥ Pass 83♥ Pass 84♥ Pass 85♥ Pass 86♥ Pass 87♥ Pass 88♥ Pass 89♥ Pass 90♥ Pass 91♥ Pass 92♥ Pass 93♥ Pass 94♥ Pass 95♥ Pass 96♥ Pass 97♥ Pass 98♥ Pass 99♥ Pass 100♥ Pass 101♥ Pass 102♥ Pass 103♥ Pass 104♥ Pass 105♥ Pass 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Army Soccer League Fixtures

The following are the Army Major and Minor Units Football League fixtures for Wednesday, December 11.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11
Major Units—South

Hongkong 815 Regt v. 1 Green Howards, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
HMS Temar v. 75 LAA Regt RA, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
HMS Temar v. 75 LAA Regt RA, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
HMS Temar v. 75 LAA Regt RA, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)

Minor Units—Mainland
RE 'A' v. 33 Gen Hosp, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
Trinidad Camp, (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)

HE 'B' v. 1 Sup Dep, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
Boundary St. 'A', (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)

6 Composite Ord Dep v. Hongkong Pro Coy, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
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3 AOT v. HQ HK & Kin Gar, 3.45 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
Boundary St. 'A', (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)

R Sigs, Kin v. Comd Wkps, 3.45 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
Boundary St. 'B', (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)

Minor Units—Island
Camp, HQHQ v. Dist Wkps, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
Happy Valley, (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)

Island Sigs v. HQ Amm Dep, 2.15 p.m. (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)
Happy Valley, (Ref.: WO H James, HQHQ)

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HE MAKES HIS OWN OPENINGS

Joe Erskine Can Face Any Heavyweight In The World On His Form

By DEREK JOHN

London.

The world today seems a different place for Joe Erskine. For the world is a different place—as far as Erskine is concerned. It is a friendly place, a place of opportunity. How different to what it seemed, and to what it was, before November 25.

That was the day Erskine won the British Empire Heavyweight title. It was not the act of winning but the manner of victory over Jamaican Joe Bygraves that changed Erskine's world. He turned on a boxing display that few heavyweights have ever equalled.

It was the fight of a thousand punches. With the exception of three or perhaps four, all landed on Bygraves. He was powerless against a man who could not only make use of openings but actually make the openings.

The one criticism of Erskine that not one of those many blows was knock out punch. He just doesn't carry one. But he is tough and it is his punches don't floor an opponent they take the steam out of him—ask Bygraves. And on this form the British Champion can face any heavyweight in the world.

The talk now is of matching him with this American, and with that American, World Champion Floyd Patterson's name has been freely mentioned. So have purses of many thousands of pounds.

His One Defeat

This must sound sweet music indeed to Erskine. No wonder. Before beating Bygraves he was the heavyweight Britain ignored. They called him colourless and drab. It was bad enough while he was winning all his fights. But came his one defeat, an overwhelming one in two rounds by Nino Valdes, and Erskine was completely written off.

The talk was of burly Dick Richardson and tearaway Brian London. The fact that Erskine had beaten Richardson and that

London had lost in one round to Henry Cooper—another Erskine victim—was forgotten. They had punch and personality. Erskine hadn't. Even the British title could not make up for lack of colour.

Now it's "Good old Joe." Fans who wouldn't bother to pay to see him fight proudly slap him on the back. Britain has had heavyweight hopes before. Most have finished up on their backs. But Erskine's performance against Bygraves raises more hope in me than any of the others have done.

Streamlined down to 13 st. 10½ lb.—his lightest for many a day—Erskine gave a masterful display of boxing and at top speed for the whole fifteen rounds. It was one long sprint.

The only other Britain to fight for the world heavyweight title since the war was Don Cockell. Cockell was fast—despite his size, and he could box. But Erskine is faster and he punches more quickly and more often.

All-Out Bid

Czechoslovakia, a disappointment in the last two world and European Ice Hockey Championships, are making an all-out bid this season to recapture some of their former glory gained in winning two world and nine European titles.

Main cause of recent failures is the lack of opportunity for

youngsters. So now 40 players, many of them youngsters, have been named as possibilities for next year's world tournament in Oslo.

Youth is blended with experience. A representative in this department is that fine all-rounder Bubnik. Bubnik is also a soccer star. He is a regular in the Czech national football team and has played a big part in enabling them to reach the final stages of the World Cup in Sweden next year.

Reminds me of another great Czech all-rounder. He was an international ice-hockey star, a fine footballer. He also plays lawn tennis. Name: Jaroslav Drobný.

Ben Hogan plans to disprove the "They never come back theory"—for the second time.

Ben, golfer extraordinary, came back after being smashed up in a car crash seven years ago to win the American Open title three times in four years. Earlier this year he announced his retirement. He was suffering from fibrositis. He also had many business interests to attend to.

Now he is back in training. And after months of tournament inactivity he plans to play in the US Open Championship at Tulsa, Oklahoma, next June.

Last In Harness

Talking of retirements, next season will be the last in harness for a man who has served cricket for 60 years. He is Herbert Strudwick, one of the best wicket-keepers the game has ever seen.

"Struddy" began his cricket career before the turn of the century, in the bearded days of W.G. Grace. After making his last stump he became Surrey's scorer in 1929. He records his last run next year, when he will be 78.

Beginning his cricket career in 1898, Strudwick had to wait until he was 29 before gaining his first Test honour. But he was still England's regular wicket-keeper at 46, when he played in all five Tests against the Australians.

His record of 21 dismissals against South Africa in the 1913-14 series stood for 36 years.

Jack Hobbs rates Strudwick along with Australian Bertie Oldfield and England's Godfrey Evans as the best wicket-keeper he has ever seen. And he also rates him as the fairest.

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Sports Diary

TODAY

Senior Mixed Doubles: CCC v. CYMCA; Men's "B" Division: St. Stephen's v. Tai Hang; Young and Old v. Recreio; CYMCA v. Glantz.

TOMORROW

Soccer: Senior Shield: Club v. KMB (Club); 2.15 p.m.; Eastern v. RAF (Club); Police v. CAA (BS) 3.15 p.m. Junior Shield: Happy Valley v. Club (Club) 1.45 p.m.; Eastern v. Army (Club); AFS v. Police (BS); 3.15 p.m. Tui Wan v. Altrant (Navy) 2 p.m. Rediffusion v. Kitching (HIV) 4 p.m. Tung Wah v. CMB (Club) 3 p.m.; Navy v. KMS (Navy) 2.30 p.m.; RLE v. Tramways (HIV) 2.30 p.m.; Telephone v. RAMC (HIV) 2.30 p.m.

Cricket: First Division: Recreio v. CCC; HIC v. Army South; Navy v. HKCC; Second Division: HKCC v. Optima v. Police; DLS v. Dockyard; Police v. RAF; Tui Wan v. Kitching (HIV) 4 p.m. Annual Society Bowls—Royal Society of St. George v. St. Andrew's Society at KBGC 2.30 p.m.

First leg of Last Squad Cup Inter-Club, Macao v. Hongkong in Macao, 2.30 p.m.

Minor Units—Island: Ladies' League: Greenline v. Recreio "A"; King's (Birkenhead) v. Victoria v. Recreio "B"; Happy Valley 2.30 p.m.; King's v. KGV Boundary Street 2.30 p.m.

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VICTORIAN TENNIS

P.I. Davis Cup Player Enters Second Round

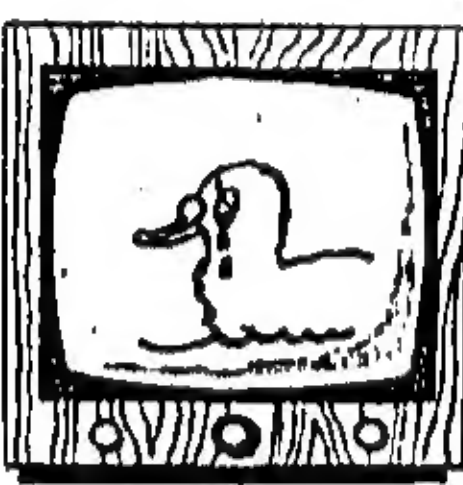
Melbourne, Dec. 5.

Juan Jose, of the Philippines Davis Cup team, won his first round match 6-3, 4-0, 6-2 against R. Clements of South Australia. In the Men's Singles of the Victorian Lawn Tennis Championships at Kooyong here today.

Malcolm Anderson, Australian holder of the American Singles title, had to struggle hard before winning his first round match 6-8, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 against B. Kearney, of Victoria. Reuter.

Frenchman Beaten

Liverpool, Dec. 5. Pat McAteer (Birkenhead), the British Middleweight Champion, outpointed Marcel Ligou (France) over eight rounds here tonight. — China Mail Special.



NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?

1 Danish king?
2 Such a story
3 Female ruler
4 Town in Denmark
5 Accounts
6 Little dancer
7 Ugly one?
8 Had new clothes!
9 Young folk
10 Garments
11 Cobbler
12 European state

Solution on Page 9

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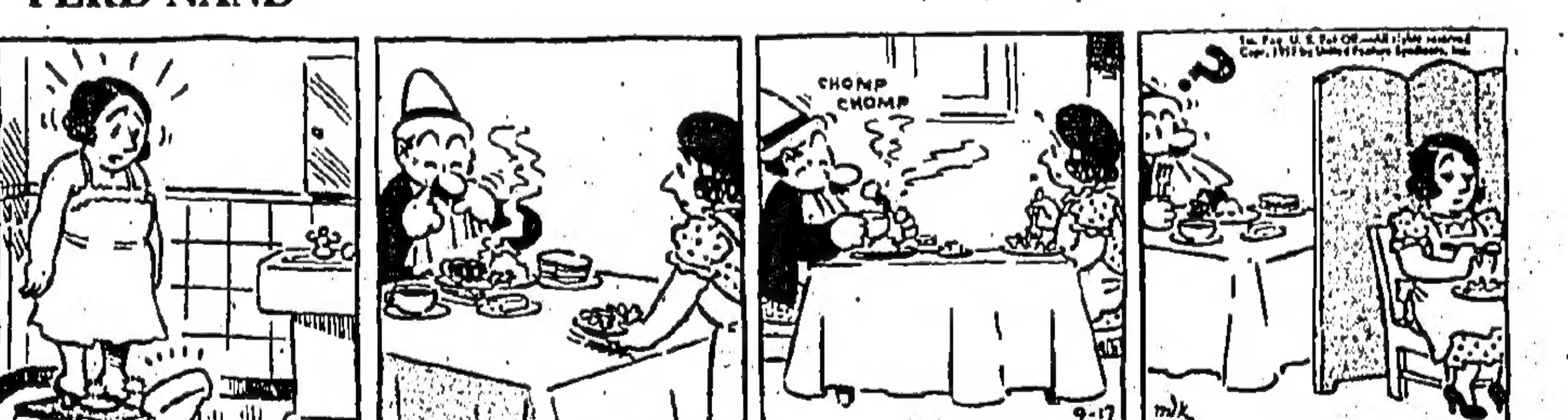
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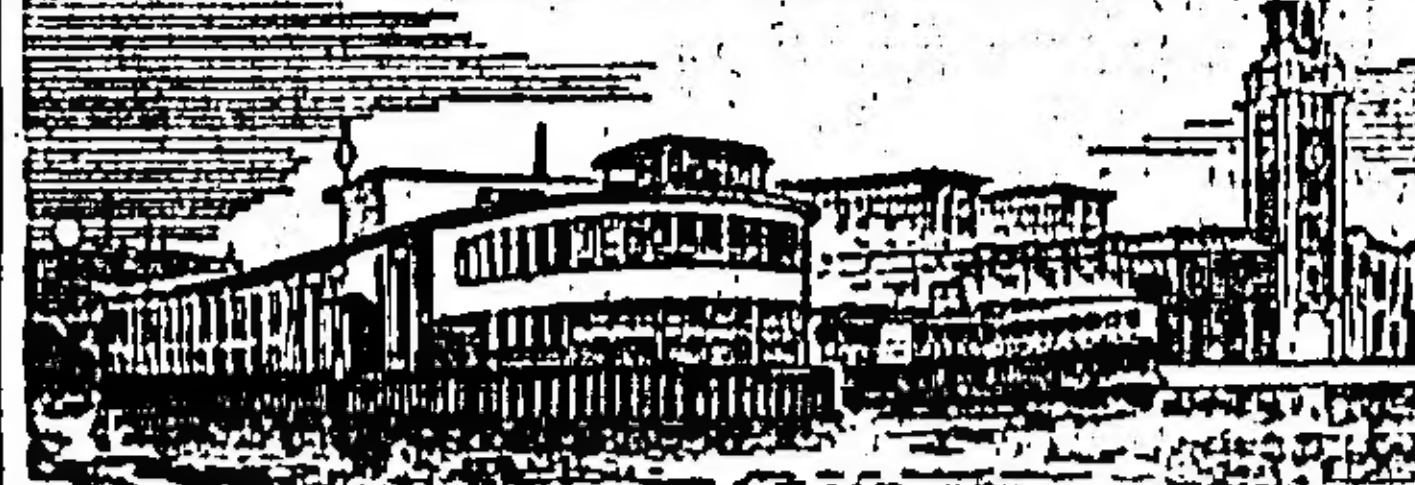


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ADMIRAL "SNORKEL" PEN

16 Years For Manslaughter

CROWN LAND SALES

Crown land of about 7,000 square feet, at the junction of Larch and Maple Streets, Shamshuipo, restricted for erection of a funeral parlour or private mortuary, is to be sold at a public auction on Monday, December 16, at 3 p.m. at the Crown Lands and Surveys Office, Lower Albert Road.

The upset price for the land, known as Kowloon Island Lot No. 7955, is \$308,000. The annual rental is \$354, according to today's Government Gazette. The building covenant is \$160,000 in 24 months, and the lease is for 75 years with the option of renewal for one further term of 75 years at a re-assessed rent.

TAIPO LAND

The Gazette also announced that a 20,000-sq. ft. lot in Ma Liu Shui, restricted for the purpose of a building and garden, is to be sold at a public auction on Thursday, January, at 11 a.m. at the District Office, Taiipo.

The upset price for the land is \$14,000, and the annual Crown rent \$230.

Defence Force

The appointment of Chief Electrical Artificer F. J. Wakeford of the H.K. Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve to be Probationary Acting Electrical Sub-Lieutenant was approved by HE the Governor, according to today's Government Gazette. The appointment was to take effect from December 1.

DEFENDANT CHANGES PLEA OF NOT GUILTY OF MURDER

A 43-year-old farmer, Lee Kam-kiu, who had been charged with the murder of his foki, was sentenced to 16 years' hard labour by Mr Justice A. D. Scholes at the Criminal Sessions this morning, when he pleaded guilty to manslaughter.

This plea was accepted by the Crown and, upon the Judge's direction, the jury of two men and five women formally returned a verdict of not guilty on the murder charge.

Lee had been accused of murdering Lee Hong by chopping him to death with a chopper and then leaving the body on a rocky seashore in Ping Shan District, New Territories, on the night of July 30. The body was found on August 1.

Quarrel

The evidence was that there was a quarrel between the accused and the deceased over money. Lee Hong hit the accused, who fell down. When he got up, the deceased threw a stool at his head. Lee Kam-kiu later went after Lee Hong with a chopper.

Mr V. L. J. D'Alton, instructed by F. Zimmerman and Co., represented the accused. Mr D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, was assisted by Det. Sub-Inspector J. M. Gurney. At the outset this morning, Mr D'Alton told the Court that his client wished to plead guilty to manslaughter.

Mr Justice Scholes ordered the prisoner's plea to be taken. This having been done, Crown Counsel stated that he had discussed the case in great detail with the Attorney General, and that he was of the opinion that to accept this plea would, in the

circumstances of the case, be in the best interests of justice.

Referring to the evidence of Fung Shiu-sang, 14-year-old stepson of the accused, Mr Mayne said his was the only evidence to negative any provocation of murder.

Mr Mayne said that, as His Lordship well knew, the boy was a self-confessed accomplice and came within the kind of persons about whose evidence the Judge was obliged to warn the jury in the clearest of terms.

Crown Counsel stated that, having regard to all this and to the boy's status and his age, he was of the opinion that no reasonable jury would feel that there was evidence of murder beyond all reasonable doubt.

After the verdict had been returned, Mr D'Alton asked the Judge for leniency. He said it was clear that the offence was committed in consequence of a provocation of a very serious kind.

The accused, he said, had not started the quarrel. He was struck a violent blow on the head by the deceased, and it seemed there was a subsequent struggle which ended in the death of Lee Hong.

Mr Justice Scholes remarked that there was evidence of the accused making certain statements as to what his intention was towards the deceased, before he went after him.

Mr D'Alton said that evidence was given by one witness only and Mr Mayne had already made certain comments on the weight to be attached to his evidence.

Defence Counsel went on to say that his client had been in Hongkong for 22 years, and his conduct throughout showed him to be a man of good character.

Comments

Asked by the Court if he had any comments to make on the question of premeditation, Mr Mayne said that since the Crown had accepted the plea of manslaughter, he accepted the fact that the accused had lost control of himself in the relevant time.

In passing sentence, the Judge told the prisoner that to kill a person was about the most serious offence one could commit.

The members of the jury were exempted from further service for two years.

Book Appeal For Merchant Marine

The Canadian Club of Hongkong has started a book drive for distribution to men of the Merchant Marine between Christmas and the New Year.

Collections centres for the books are in the showrooms of the HK and China Gas Company, Gloucester Arcade and in Whiteaway's Nathan Road Store, Kowloon. If any bulk collections are offered, the donor may telephone the Campaign Chairman, Mrs G. F. W. Hudson, at 38470 during office hours and at 28708 in the evenings.

Medical Council

Professor A. J. S. McFadden has been appointed a Member of the Medical Council by HE the Governor, according to today's Government Gazette. The appointment is for three years with effect from November 1.

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"No more visits to the old home town! But I don't really look as old as those old friends of mine we saw again, do I?"

OCTOBER REVENUE

The total revenue for October this year was \$55,740,934.49, according to a statement of account published in today's Government Gazette.

The same statement revealed that the total revenue for the first half of the financial year ending October, 1957, stood at \$321,054,904.01, as against the estimate for the financial year of \$307,489,000.

The Gazette also announced that the total expenditure for October amounted to \$48,040,304.89. The total expenditure for six months from April to October, 1957, was \$291,954,378.19, as against the total estimate approved for the financial year 1957-58 of \$261,157,280.

The General Revenue Balance as at October 31, was \$287,862,768.45.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments, transfers, promotions and postings in the various Government departments were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Fire Brigade

Mr Wong Wal-tai, Divisional Chief Officer, Deputy C. W. Brand on leave prior to retirement.

Urban Council

Mr Leung Kam-chee to be an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council, with effect from November 29.

Medical

Dr Wong Cheung Pui-ching to be a pathologist and Mr Kwai See-man, a physicist.

Treasury

Mr A. G. Clarke, Financial Secretary, resumed his duty upon his return from leave and consequently Mr J. J. Cowperthwaite, Deputy Chief Officer Staff Grade, ceased to act as Financial Secretary.

Agriculture, Etc.

Mr J. M. Riddell-Swin, Veterinary Officer, to be Acting Senior Veterinary Officer during the absence of Mr D. M. Corbett.

Police

Mr W. Segue, Senior Superintendent of Police, ceased to act as Assistant Commissioner of Police; Mr Percy Lowe, Superintendent of Police, ceased to act as Senior Superintendent of Police.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

No Co-ordination

To The Editor, China Mail.
Sir,—A visitor to Hongkong would at first sight be delighted by the following cultural bill of fare:

HK Philharmonic Chamber Group: Concert at Grantham Training College, HK Stage Club: The Magistrate, by Pinero, at the Loke Yew Hall, Premiere of the Bank, production of the Bolshoi Ballet, at Leo and Astor Theatres, Premiere of the film "Jeanne Eagles" in aid of the HK Association for the Blind at the King's Theatre.

This would indeed seem to be a splendid programme, were it not for the lamentable fact that anyone wanting to attend all these performances would have to queue himself. They all take place on the night of December 12.

Has the time not come for some form of co-ordination to prevent these sorry clashes in social and cultural events? Must we continually step on each others' toes? Although the public for music and drama is growing steadily, there are still not enough people in Hongkong with sufficient interest, education, or indeed spare cash, to fill two concurrent performances, let alone four. The audience for these specialised events is practically the same every time, as all concert goers will know.

The result of this haphazard timing is that some of the deserving organizations are going to suffer the disappointment of a half empty house whereas, with the minimum of planning, they might all be accommodated on alternate nights.

As criticism alone is not enough, here is a practical suggestion. The Music Society of Hongkong publishes for circulation to its members and to other cultural groups, a monthly Music Magazine. A feature of the Magazine is the Diary of Current Events. The Editor, Miss Maple Quon, appears regularly and often in vain, for information about forthcoming presentations to be sent to her. In order to prevent this constant overlapping of fixtures, the Music Society is prepared to expand the service to cover all performances of interest to the public, Chinese or Western, provided they are of a cultural or charitable nature.

For inclusion in the Diary, all events should be communicated to Miss Quon by the 15th of the month for publication in the next monthly issue of the Magazine. It is requested that this will leave out events which are organised after the 15th of the month so the following additional service is proposed.

Miss Quon has undertaken to supply at her two telephone numbers, namely 31008 and 02087, information in Chinese and English, on the "State of the Diary". If any organization or individual wishing to present a cultural, or even a social event, such as a charity ball, would care to call either of these numbers, they will be advised of dates that are free and dates that are overbooked.

Naturally this scheme can only work with the co-operation of the groups themselves. In the common interest, we must not be unwilling to give it a chance to succeed. How much disappointment and how much irritation to the public, which, as I said before, would like to enjoy a number of events, but can neither cut itself into little pieces nor develop supernatural powers and attend them all simultaneously in the spirit.

MUSIC SOCIETY OF HONGKONG
(Mrs A. M. Decker), Chairman.

Honorary Game Wardens

Mr A. O. Barretto was re-appointed an honorary game warden for another period of three years with effect from November 26, according to today's Government Gazette.

The same announcement stated that Captain I. W. Young, R.A.M.C. and Sgt M. G. Woodhams were appointed honorary game wardens for the same period as from December 1.

Film Censors

Mr J. D. Duncan and Mr William Kung Shih-how have been appointed Members of the panel of film censors by HE the Governor, according to today's Government Gazette. The appointment took effect from November 22.

DOCKYARD UNION REPRESENTATIVES MAKE REQUESTS

Five representatives of the Hongkong Naval Dockyard Chinese Employees Industrial Union were received by the Civil Secretary to the Commodore Superintendent late yesterday afternoon and gave him a letter containing the Union's requests regarding severance pay and other matters.

They were told that this letter would be considered by the Commodore and that they would be given a reply before the first discharge notices were issued.

The Union representatives asked certain questions regarding the finding of alternative employment and they were given a brief explanation of what Government and the Dockyard were doing to help them. They said they were grateful that so much had been arranged and said that the Union was encouraging its members to complete the employment record forms as quickly as possible.

The Union representatives also asked for information regarding the new maintenance base and were told that no information on this was at present available.

Naturalisation Granted

The Government announced in the Gazette this morning that the following have been granted certificates of naturalisation:

Mr Arturo Gregorio De Jesus, company director, 20 Kimberley Street, 2nd floor; Mrs Vervana Stefanova Lomay nee Orlov, 89 Leighton Hill Flats; Mr Lee Sun-hong, merchant, 34 Fort Street, 2nd floor; Miss Ba Ching-yu known as Margaret Ba, office assistant, 26 Mody Road, 4th floor; Mr Yee Hong-wing, merchant, 21 Mau-Lam Street, 3rd floor; Mr Hui Kar-cheung, known as Hui Ngok, known as Hui Chiu, known as Hui Chung, known as Hui Kung-nok, merchant, 389 Prince Edward Road, 1st floor; Mr Kwan Lai-yee known as Maria Kwan, nurse, Government Nurses' Quarters, Chan Wan resettlement area; Miss Jessy Lee, known as Jessie Lee Ngai-shaw, stenographer, 44D Macdonnell Road, 5th floor; Charles Louis Huang, retired engineer, 7A College Road; Mr Yao Kang, insurance assistant manager, 345 Braga Circuit, 2nd floor.

3 INJURED IN ROAD ACCIDENTS

A seven-year-old girl, Lit Kit-yu was knocked down and seriously injured by a bus in Queen's Road East at about 12.30 p.m. yesterday. The injured girl was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital.

A boy of 18, Tsang Hung was struck by a private car in Wanchai Road at about 8 o'clock last night. The lad was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition.

A Chinese, Ng Lip-yin, sustained serious injuries when his bicycle was knocked over by a car in Boundary Street, near Sai Yee Street, at about 1.35 p.m. yesterday.

Ng was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital.

SUSPECTS ARRESTED

A man was arrested at the Kowloon City bus terminus yesterday afternoon, on suspicion of attempting to cut the pocket of a Chinese waiting to board a bus.

Another Chinese was arrested at about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon following the theft of some money from a pedestrian in Boundary Street.

CONSULS

The Government Gazette announced today that the Queen's Exequatue empowering Senhor Oswaldo Tavares and Senhor Manuel Maria Fernandez Alcazar as Consul-General and Consul respectively for Brazil, Mr Yoshimasa Ando to act as Consul-General for Japan and Mr Jose H. Xavier to act as honorary Consul for the Republic of Dominica at Hongkong had received Her Majesty's signature.

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